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In re Application of:

R. Eric Montgomery

Serial No.: 09/398,156

Filed: September 16, 1999

Title: Improved Proteinaceous Animal Chew With
Dentally Therapeutic Cation

Examiner: Neil S. Levy

Art Unit: 1761

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2000. Kindly amend the above
referenced application as follows.

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A device for delivery of a therapeutic agent to an animal [An animal
oral care composition] comprising:

(a) a carrier having a negatively charged surface [obtaining an animal oral
care composition and administering the composition to the animal in a form that will be
voluntarily chewed by the animal]; and

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